Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are the Government aware that Nemmara was having practically an unprecedent time with the removal of the Town Council and was unrepresented for a very long time in this Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That question does not arise.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was any question put in this House ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He gave notice of questions, but they were not probably answered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know why those questions were not answered ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* All the questions cannot be answered at one and the same time. They come in turn. Unfortunately, his answers were not furnished.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to place those unanswered questions on the table of the House ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Which was the meeting he attended last ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I cannot say offhand.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is it your case that you want notice ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

POST OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER—CREATION OF

271. **Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters):* Are the Government thinking of creating the post of a Parliamentary Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No. There is no such proposal before Government.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether there was a move for the appointment of a Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to note that there is a strong opinion in the Council that there is absolutely no necessity for the appointment of a Parliamentary Secretary ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That point does not arise.

ACTS & PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE COUNCIL—1114, 1115, 1116 & 1117

272. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to give a list of Acts & Proclamations brought into force in Cochin under section 56 of the Government of Cochin Act, without reference to this House, in the years 1114, 1115, 1116 and 1117 with the dates of their promulgation ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* A list is placed on the Council table.

SHORT NOTICE RESOLUTION—FIRST MEETING 1117—POSITION TAKEN UP BY Mr. E. IKKANDA WARRIAR

273. **Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** *(Narakkal):*

(*a*) with reference to Council Proceedings (V. C. L. C. Vol. VIII, Part 3, page 217), will Government be pleased to state whether the short notice resolution was carried unanimously ;

(*b*) is it not a fact that Mr. Ikkanda Warriar opposed the resolution, both during discussion and at the time of voting ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Govern ne nt):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Mr. Ikkanda Warriar spoke against the resolution, but did not vote against it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I request you Sir, to allow me to put a question ?

Mr. Deputy President: Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know, Sir, who was noting the proceedings on that day ? In fact, I voted against. To the best of my recollections I shouted at the top of my voice.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The official reporters as well as the Council Secretary. In the Proceedings noted down by them, it is found that Mr. Warriar did not take part in the voting.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* What was the subject of the resolution ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Town Councils.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* In the light of my submission will the Government be pleased to correct the official proceedings?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not think it is possible.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE—SHIFTING OF—FROM TRICHUR TO ERNAKULAM

274. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government is contemplating a transfer of the Comptroller's Office from Trichur to Ernakulam;

(*b*) whether the Comptroller's Office was not formerly at Ernakulam;

(*c*) when was it that the Comptroller's Office was shifted to Trichur and for what reasons; and

(*d*) why is it that the Government wants its transfer to Ernakulam now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Not immediately.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It was shifted to Ramavarmapuram in 1108 as the office is one to which the public very rarely, if ever, resort to and as there was plenty of accommodation there at the time. It was again shifted to Trichur in 1108 as the accommodation provided at Ramavarmapuram was found not suited for holding public offices. The blocks of buildings consist of small rooms and efficient supervision of the work of clerks was found practically impossible.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether at the time when the office was shifted to Ramavarmapuram there was sufficient accommodation for all the staff?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* At first there was sufficient space for all. Subsequently the staff was increased.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What was the number of the staff when the office was shifted to Ramavarmapuram?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What was the increased staff when it was shifted to Trichur?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It now consists of about 50 clerks.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether efficient supervision depends upon the size of the rooms?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* At Ramavarmapuram the rooms were all built for hostel purposes, and the office had to be shifted to Ramavarmapuram in the absence of accommodation at Trichur. It was not because Ramavarmapuram was found to be an ideal place that the office was shifted to that place. Therefore, even though there was some lack of supervision it had to be put up with. Subsequently when other arrangements were found feasible it was shifted to Trichur.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is whether efficient supervision depends upon the size of the rooms?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* To a very great extent, yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* In Ramavarmapuram each clerk had to be given a room. There is a Superintendent to supervise the work of the clerks and he is in charge of over half a dozen clerks, and the Superintendent cannot see what they are doing. It is also very difficult to call the clerks for references. That is how the supervision is lacking.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Am I to understand that the Superintendent should sit in the same room?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That is what is generally done in all public offices.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there is sufficient accommodation in Trichur?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* We find some difficulty in our office, all the same it is much better.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* In view of answer to sub-division (a), may I know whether the Government is not contemplating the transfer?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* They were thinking of changing the office to Ernakulam for some time. They have not come to any final conclusion.

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